

## **REMARKS**

Claims 1-42, 48, 65-82, 84-86, and 87-107 are pending in this application. In this response, claims 22, and 26-28 are amended. All claims stand subject to an election requirement.

### **Election**

In response to the election requirement, Applicant elects the species of animal processing waste for examination at this time. Claims 26, 30, 75-82, 84-86, and 105 read on the elected species. Claims 1-19, 21, 40-42, 48, 87-104 are generic.

### **Clarification Request**

Applicant regrets that the agreement reached with the Examiner in the April 9, 2008 telephone interview did not resolve the remaining species issues as anticipated. In the prior response, based on the prior discussions with the Examiner and on advice of the Examiner, Applicants elected specie of rubber, mixed plastics and PVC. However, the current Office Action dated September 3, 2008 does not indicate that any of the elected specie were searched to completion. Formal clarification of the searched and allowable specie is respectfully requested.

### **Further Election**

In a further attempt to expedite the prosecution of the instant application, Applicant makes the following elections in advance: Rubber, Mixed Plastics, and PVC. Claims reading on the species Rubber are 22, 23, 65, 66, 68, and 107. Claims reading on the species Mixed Plastics are 22, 69-71, and 106. Claims reading on the species PVC are 28, 29, and 106. The generic claims remain as identified above.

Applicant respectfully requests that, after completing the search for the currently elected Animal Processing Waste, if the current species is found allowable, each other species be searched in the order set forth above without the need for subsequent written election requirements. Alternatively, if necessary, Applicant's representative will elect these species in the stated order by telephone to avoid the need for further written election requirements.

An early and favorable action on the merits of the application is earnestly solicited. In order to expedite future prosecution, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone at 802-846-8305 to address any new issues as they arise.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas D. Kohler", written over a horizontal line.

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